

**Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)	
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MCI Telecommunications Corporation,)	
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Complainant,)	
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v.)	File No. E-97-40
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U S West Communications, Inc.)	
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Defendant.)	
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MCI Telecommunications Corporation,)	
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Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	File No. E-97-19
)	
Illinois Bell Telephone Company, Indiana)	
Bell Telephone Company, Michigan Bell)	
Telephone Company, Ohio Bell Telephone)	
Company, Wisconsin Bell Telephone Company,)	
d/b/a Ameritech Operating Companies and)	
Ameritech Communications, Inc.)	
)	
Defendant.)	

ORDER

Adopted: March 15, 2000

Released: March 16, 2000

By the Chief, Market Disputes Resolution Division, Enforcement Bureau:

1. In a Memorandum Opinion and Order released November 8, 1999,¹ the Commission resolved a formal complaint brought by MCI Telecommunications Corporation (MCI) against U S West Communications, Inc. (U S West) and Illinois Bell

¹ *MCI Telecommunications Corporation v. U S West Communications, Inc.*, Memorandum Opinion and Order, DA 99-2479, File Nos. E-97-40, E-97-19 (rel. Nov. 8, 1999) (*November 8 Order*).

Telephone Company, *et al.*, d/b/a Ameritech Operating Companies (collectively referred to as “Ameritech”) pursuant to section 208 of the Communications Act, as amended (the Act).² The Commission authorized MCI to file a supplemental complaint for damages within 60 days from the release of the *November 8 Order*.³ Accordingly, on January 7, 2000, MCI filed a Supplemental Complaint for damages against U S West and Ameritech arising from the *November 8 Order*.⁴

2. On March 1, 2000, MCI filed with the Commission a “Motion for Withdrawal” of its Supplemental Complaint.⁵ MCI states that the grant of this motion would allow the Commission to focus its resources on other pending matters.

3. Upon review of MCI’s Motion for Withdrawal and the entire record herein, we are satisfied that granting this motion will serve the public interest by eliminating the need for further litigation and the expenditure of further time and resources of the parties and of this Commission.

4. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED, pursuant to sections 4(i), 4(j), 208, 271, and 272 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 4(i), 4(j), 208, 271, and 272, and the authority delegated in sections 0.111 and 0.311 of the Commission’s rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.111, 0.311, that MCI’s Motion for Withdrawal IS GRANTED.

5. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, pursuant to sections 4(i), 4(j), 208, 271, and 272 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 4(i), 4(j), 208, 271, and 272, and the authority delegated in sections 0.111 and 0.311 of the Commission’s rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.111, 0.311, that MCI’s January 7, 2000 Supplemental Complaint is hereby DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE and that the above-captioned proceedings ARE TERMINATED.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Glenn T. Reynolds
Chief, Market Disputes Resolution Division
Enforcement Bureau

² 47 U.S.C. § 208.

³ *November 8 Order* at ¶ 40. See also 47 C.F.R. § 1.722.

⁴ *MCI Telecommunications Corporation v. U S West Communications, Inc.*, *MCI Telecommunications Corporation v. Illinois Bell Telephone Co., et al.*, Supplemental Complaint of MCI Telecommunications Corporation Regarding Damages, File Nos. E-97-40, E-97-19 (filed January 7, 2000).

⁵ *MCI Telecommunications Corporation v. U S West Communications, Inc.*, *MCI Telecommunications Corporation v. Illinois Bell Telephone Co., et al.*, Motion for Withdrawal, File Nos. E-97-40, E-97-19 (filed March 1, 2000). On March 6, 2000, U S West and Ameritech filed an “Unopposed Request for Clarification Regarding MCI’s Motion for Withdrawal.” Therein, U S West and Ameritech request that the Commission’s order dismissing MCI’s Supplemental Complaint specify that the complaint is dismissed with prejudice. *MCI Telecommunications Corporation v. U S West Communications, Inc.*, *MCI Telecommunications Corporation v. Illinois Bell Telephone Co., et al.*, Unopposed Request for Clarification Regarding MCI’s Motion for Withdrawal, File Nos. E-97-40, E-97-19 (filed March 6, 2000).